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EL PASO JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that late Friday afternoon a federal jury in El Paso, Texas, found Arkon Christopher Caldwell guilty of receipt and possession of child pornography. Sentencing is set for May 28, 2008.

At trial, the government proved that beginning in February 2005 and continuing through November 2005, the defendant received and possessed hundreds of images of children involved in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney's William Lewis and Laura Franco Gregory.

This case was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

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